NHB proposals in A.P. and Tamil Nadu

1877. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes or projects implemented or being implemented by the National Horticulture Board in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) what is the present status of the schemes/projects in each of these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, through National Horticulture Board (NHB), is implementing the following programmes/Schemes in the country including the States of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu since last three years:—

(i) "Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post Harvest Management".

(ii) Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/ Modernisation of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticuiture Produce".

(iii) Technology Development and Transfer for Promotion of Horticulture.

The salient features of the above Schemes are given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below) and details of the projects sanctioned and financial assistance provided are given in the enclosed Statement-II.

Statement-I

I. *Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post-Harvest Management.*

Name of the Scheme/ Project	Components	Pattern of Assistance
i) Production Related	High quality commercial horticulture crops Indigenous crops/ produce, herbs	Back-ended capital subsidy not exceeding 20% of the

Name of the Scheme/ Project	Components	Pattern of Assistance
	Aromatic & Medicinal Plants Seed & Nursery Biotechnology, Tissue Culture Bio-pesticides Organic Foods Primary processing of products Estt. of Hort. Health Clinics/Laboratory (For Agriculture/Horticulture unemployed graduates) Consultancy Services Bee-keeing.	project cost with a maximum limit of Rs. 25 lakh per project. For the North-Eastern/Tribal/Hilly Area, maximum limit of subsidy would be Rs. 30.00 lakh per project.
ii) PHM/ Processing related	Grading/Washing/Sorting/Drying/ Packing centers Pre-cooling Unit/Cool Stores Refer Van/Containers Sp. Transport Vehicle Retail Outlets Auction Platform Ripening curing chamber Market yard/rope ways Processing unit/Radiation unit/VHT unit Hort. Ancillary industry e.g. tools, equipment, plastics, packaging etc. Crates, Cartons, Aseptic Packaging & Nets (50% subsidy).	

II. *Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/ Modernisation of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce*

Components

Cold Storages including Controlled Atmosphere (CA) and Modified Atmosphere (MA) Stores U, pre-cooling units and other Storages for onions, etc.

Pattern of Assistance

Under the Scheme back-ended Capital Investment Subsidy is provided to the eligible organisations @ 25% of the project cost not exceeding Rs. 50.00 lakh per project and @ 33.33% of the project cost upto a ceiling of Rs. 60.0 lakh per project for North Eastern States.

III. *Technology Development and Transfer for Promotion of Horticulture*

Introduction of New Technologies	100% financial assistance upto Rs. 10 lacs/project for production related and Rs. 25.0 lakh to R&D efforts
Visit of progressive farmers	2nd Class Sleeper Rail/ordinary bus fare and Rs. 100/day/farmer for a group of 30 farmers Actual basis
Experts Services from India/ Abroad	Upto Rs. 50,000/ seminar
Technology Awareness Organisation/participation in seminars etc.	Upto Rs. 3.0 lakh for State, Rs. 5.00 lakh for National and Rs. 10.00 lakhs International event Rs. 1.50 lakh
Udyan Pandit	On merit
Publicity	On actual basis
Observation-cum-study tours abroad	Upto Rs. 20,000/- for each expert upto 5 experts/project
Honorarium to Scientists for effective transfer of technology.	

Eligible Organizations

The eligible promoters under the above schemes shall include NGO's, Association of Growers, Individuals, Partnership/Properietary Firms Companies, Corporations, Cooperatives, Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees, Marketing Boards/Committees, Municipal Corporations/ Committees, Agro-Industries Corporations, SAU's and other concerned R&D organizations. Individuals, SAUs and other concerned R&D organisations are not eligible for the cold storage capital subsidy scheme. However, "individuals" are included as eligible organizations for onion storages only in those cases where bank/FI financing is involved.

Statement-II

Details of projects sanctioned and financial assistance provided during the year 2000-01 to 2003-04 (upto 30.9.2003) in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu by the NHB under its Schemes.

I *Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post Harvest Management*

State	Year	No. of projects	Amount of eligible subsidy (Rs. in lakhs)
Andhra	2000-2001	2	5.00
Pradesh	2001-2002	6	35.00
	2002-2003	74	239.00
	2003-2004	79	195.00
	(upto 30.9.03)		
Tamil Nadu	2000-2001	-	-
	2001-2002	29	253.00
	2002-2003	32	239.00
	2003-2004	20	72.00
	(upto 30.9.03)		

ii) *Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/ Modernisation of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce*

State	Year	No. of projects	Amount of eligible subsidy (Rs. in lakhs)
Andhra Pradesh	2000-2001	14 Capacity-93130 MT	612.97
	2001-2002	11 Capacity-41880 MT	405.72
	2002-2003	2 Capacity-8000 MT	72.56
	2003-2004 (upto 30.9.03)	1 Capacity-4100 MT	35.17
Tamil Nadu	2000-2001	11 Capacity-36200 MT	315.94
	2001-2002	5 Capacity-12137 MT	147.31
	2002-2003	4 Capacity-11547 MT	90.70
	2003-2004 (upto 30.9.03)	-	-

iii) *Technology Development and Transfer for Promotion of Horticulture*

State	Year	No. of projects	Amount of eligible grant (Rs. in lakh)
Andhra Pradesh	2000-2001	-	-
	2001-2002	5	3.92
	2002-2003	8	18.11
	2003-2004 (upto 30.9.03)	26	21.48
Tamil Nadu	2000-2001	2	4.10
	2001-2002	4	12.55
	2002-2003	7	6.25
	2003-2004 (upto 30.9.03)	1	5.00

Shifting ICRI-SAT from Hyderabad

1878. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Headquarters of the International Crops Research Institute for Semi Arid Tropics is going to be shifted from Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the reasons behind taking such a decision to shift ICRI-SAT from there;

(c) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government is demanding against it; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Fifth External Programme Review Panel of the ICRISAT recommended the shifting in its report of June, 2003. However, on account of the stand taken by the Government of India along with the State